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Via EFS Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed August 13, 2008, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks. A petition for a three (3) month extension of time for this response is submitted herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.